

What Is Claimed Is

1. A ball glove comprising:

(a) a dorsal side panel and a palmar side  
panel secured along each panel's outer  
5 periphery to define a glove body, the  
dorsal side panel being sized to cover a  
back of a hand and the palmar side panel  
being sized to cover a palm of the hand,  
the dorsal side panel in conjunction  
10 with the palmar side panel providing a  
thumb stall and a plurality of finger  
stalls therebetween with an opening  
between said dorsal side panel and said  
palmar side panel to receive a human  
15 hand therein;

(b) said dorsal side panel having an  
expandable dorsal side section therein  
at a location between the thumb stall  
and index finger stall, said expandable  
20 dorsal side section extending beyond the  
carpometacarpal joint of the thumb in a

longitudinal direction to a location approximating the center axis of rotation of the metacarpalphalangeal joint of the finger stall to receive said index finger therein and transverse thereto across the metacarpalphalangeal joints of the location of the finger stalls to receive the index finger of the human hand; and,

(c) a webbing disposed between said thumb stall and an index finger stall, said webbing having an outer periphery attached to at least one of said dorsal side panel or said palmar side panel.

2. The ball glove of claim 1, said webbing including a thumb side web section and an index finger side web section, said thumb side web section being attached along the periphery of the thumb stall and a longitudinally extending hinge member and the index finger side web section being attached along the outer periphery of the index finger stall and an opposed side of said index finger side web section being attached to said longitudinally extending hinge member.

3. The ball glove of claim 2 wherein said hinge member is closer to said index finger stall than said thumb stall.

4. The ball glove of claim 3 wherein the distance between the center of said hinge member and said thumb stall is approximately 1.5 to 3.0 times the distance between the index finger stall and the center of the hinge member.

5. The ball glove of claim 1, said expandable dorsal side section extending across the metacarpalphalangeal joints of the finger stalls to receive the long finger, ring finger, and small finger of the human hand.

6. A ball glove comprising:

(a) a dorsal side panel and a palmar side panel secured along each panel's outer periphery to define a glove body, the dorsal side panel being sized to cover a back of a hand and the palmar side panel being sized to cover a palm of the hand, the dorsal side panel in conjunction with the palmar side panel providing a thumb stall and a plurality of finger stalls therebetween with an opening

between said dorsal side panel and said  
palmar side panel to receive a human  
hand therein; and,

(b) a webbing disposed between said thumb  
5 stall and an index finger stall, said  
webbing having an outer periphery  
attached to at least one of said dorsal  
side panel or said palmar side panel.

7. The ball glove of claim 6, said webbing including a  
10 thumb side web section and an index finger side web section, said  
thumb side web section being attached along the periphery of the  
thumb stall and a longitudinally extending hinge member and the  
index finger side web section being attached along the outer  
periphery of the index finger stall and an opposed side of said  
15 index finger side web section being attached to said  
longitudinally extending hinge member.

8. The ball glove of claim 7 wherein said hinge member is  
closer to said index finger stall than said thumb stall.

9. The ball glove of claim 8 wherein the distance between  
20 the center of said hinge member and said thumb stall is  
approximately 1.5 to 3.0 times the distance between the index

finger stall and the center of the hinge member.

10. A ball glove comprising:

(a) a dorsal side panel and a palmar side  
panel secured along each panel's outer  
5 periphery to define a glove body, the  
dorsal side panel being sized to cover a  
back of a hand and the palmar side panel  
being sized to cover a palm of the hand,  
the dorsal side panel in conjunction  
10 with the palmar side panel providing a  
thumb stall and a plurality of finger  
stalls therebetween with an opening  
between said dorsal side panel and said  
palmar side panel to receive a human  
15 hand therein; and,

(b) said dorsal side panel having an  
expandable dorsal side section therein  
at a location between the thumb stall  
and index finger stall, said expandable  
20 dorsal side section extending beyond the  
carpometacarpal joint of the thumb in a

longitudinal direction to a location  
approximating the center axis of  
rotation of the metacarpalphalangeal  
joint of the finger stall to receive  
5 said index finger therein and transverse  
thereto across the metacarpalphalangeal  
joints of the location of the finger  
stalls to receive the index finger.

11. The ball glove of claim 10, said expandable dorsal side  
10 section extending across the metacarpalphalangeal joints of the  
finger stalls to receive the long finger, ring finger, and small  
finger of the human hand.